

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 245 without my signature.

This bill reduces transparency for consumers. An expunged misdemeanor or felony conviction does not mean a healthcare provider has been found innocent of the crime or that the provider has been successfully rehabilitated. Consumers deserve to know whether their provider has been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony and should be allowed to review the physician's criminal history in its entirety.

The law must always place consumer protection above the protection of a provider's economic interest. I continue to put consumers first.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger